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Subject: Re: RE: Re: Proposal for an internship with the DPH

Hi Julie,

I just wanted to let you know the status of working towards this internship. I am including our departmental director, Dr. Robin Cotton on this email since she would like to clarify with you the specific details regarding the liability, insurance, ect. She will forward this information to Adam (who I am also including in this email) who is currently working on getting in contact with someone from BU who can address this.

In the event that BU does not agree to cover the liability issues, I would like to propose a "back up plan" so that I am still able to collaborate with the drug lab to work on my thesis, which will result in a well-organized and developed protocol for the analysis and identification of Salvia divinorum and its active components (salvinorin A, salvinorin B, 2-methoxy salvinorin B, and 2-ethoxy salvinorin B) in accordance with the legislature which Mike Lawler has been working towards. In the end, I hope to have this protocol established in accordance with SWGDRUG guidelines so that it is ready to be implemented should this legislature (or another similar one) become effective.

I am proposing for this "back up plan" that I prepare samples and protocols at the BU lab and deliver them when ready to a member of the drug lab, who will proceed with setting up the instrument and running the sample, and will deliver the data and results back to me at BU for further analysis. In this way, I am not present in the lab but am still able to contribute to the development of a protocol, saving members of the drug lab precious time and labor.

If everything works out with the BU lawyers and I can be established as an intern, I would love to be physically present in the drug lab to carry out the analyses. Again, I thank you greatly for the opportunity to work with your lab again and whichever way this internship status ends, I will be grateful for the experience.

Thank you,

Keri LaBelle

On 09/14/11, Nassif, Julianne (DPH)<julianne.nassif@state.ma.us> wrote:

Hi Kerri,

I just took a quick look at your proposal. There are two areas that we need to address before moving forward.

1. Liability, insurance etc. When we have interns they are typically covered by their school's policies; I need to have something to that effect from BU. I know this sounds bureaucratic but if you were to get hurt while working here it would be problematic. I also just can't have "volunteers" working in the drug lab. Even if it is just a note from Adam or the program director outlining the project, saying that it is conducted under the auspices of BU and acknowledging that you are covered by their insurance.

2. I would like to meet to discuss specific goals, objectives, timelines and deliverables for the project. We really need these details before you begin. In these very lean economic times, I need to effectively allocate resources.

Thanks and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Julie

From: Keri LaBelle [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, September 14, 2011 1:59 PM
To: Nassif, Julianne (DPH)
Subject: Re: Re: Proposal for an internship with the DPH

Hi Julie,

I spoke with Amy today about the internship and since I will not be taking the internship for credit (just to work on my thesis) there is no formal paperwork for it. She said as far as lab safety is concerned, so long as I am up to date with lab safety at BU (which I am) there is really nothing else they can provide. I guess the majority of paperwork if needed would be on your end. Is there specific lab training sessions at the DPH I should attend? I remember going to one while I was doing my undergraduate research there.

Let me know, I will talk to Adam tomorrow about my project and will have more info for you then.

Thank you!

Keri

On 09/13/11, Nassif, Julianne (DPH) <julianne.nassif@state.ma.us> wrote:

Kerri,

Check w Amy Brodeur. She was the one who described the formal internship policy with me.

Julie

From: Keri LaBelle [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, September 13, 2011 11:37 AM
To: Nassif, Julianne (DPH)
Subject: Proposal for an internship with the DPH

Hi Julie,

Hope your summer has been going well. I want to thank you for allowing me to work with your crew again! I thoroughly enjoyed your class this past spring and really pushed me in the direction of a drug-based thesis project. I wanted to do something that would help out the drug community in general, but a chance to really make a difference at your lab specifically is an honor!

I am predicting spending 10 or less hours a week at the DPH lab (conversing with chemists, practicing some procedures, going over data) so the majority of the research will be conducted at the BU forensic lab so as not to interfere too much with the lab's daily submissions. I will be occasionally be working with chemicals or other materials at your facility, so I think there should be some sort of documentation on behalf of BU, but no one seems to know what is required.

I am attaching to this email my proposal highlighting some background research on Salvia divinorum, the forensic implications, and what I hope to work on with your lab. I will be in contact with developments on my status as an intern but if further clarification is required, my thesis adviser is Adam Hall

Again, thank you so much for this opportunity!

Best,

Keri LaBelle